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In re Application of

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For : APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR STABILIZING
PELVIC RING DISRUPTION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please preliminarily amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 4 as follows:

A.
4. (Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein the securing step includes the step of pulling on opposite end portions of the belt simultaneously, thereby stabilizing the fractured pelvis evenly.

Please insert the following new claims:

A.
--10. The method of claim 1, wherein the setting step includes the step of compressing a spring mechanism until a pin structure engages a hole, the spring having a constant selected to provide an appropriate tension level to reduce a fractured pelvis without excessive compression.

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